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Important Notice From Milwaukee County About Your Prescription Drug Coverage And Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Milwaukee County and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

- Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
- Willis of Wisconsin, Inc., on behalf of Milwaukee County, has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Milwaukee County is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is considered Creditable Coverage.

Because the prescription drug coverage offered by Milwaukee County is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays, it is considered Creditable Coverage. It is not necessary for you to join a Medicare prescription drug plan at this time.

Your existing coverage is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage. You can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from November 15 through December 31. This may mean that you may have to wait to join a Medicare drug plan and that you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you join later. You may pay that higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. However, if you lose creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will be eligible for a sixty (60) day Special Enrollment Period (SEP) because you lost creditable coverage to join a Part D plan. In addition, if you lose or decide to leave employer/union sponsored coverage; you will be eligible to join a Part D plan at that time using an Employer Group Special Enrollment Period. You should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area.

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your Milwaukee County coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits and the Medicare prescription drug plan will coordinate benefits with your Milwaukee County prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Milwaukee County coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back.

You should also know that if you drop or lose your coverage with Milwaukee County and do not join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.



If you go 63 continuous days or longer without prescription drug coverage that was at least as good as Medicare's prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following November to join.

For more information about this notice or your current prescription drug coverage:

- Contact the person listed below for further information.
- Note: You will get this notice each year. You will also get this notice before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and/or if this coverage through Milwaukee County changes. You also may request a copy.

For more information about your options under Medicare prescription drug coverage:

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You
will get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- · Visit www.medicare.gov.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare Drug Plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date:

October 31, 2018

Name of Entity/Sender:

Milwaukee County

Contact—Position/Office:

Division of Employee Benefits

Address:

901 North 9th Street, Room 210; Milwaukee, WI 53233

Phone Number:

(414) 278-4198

Notice to Enrollees In A Self-Funded Nonfederal Governmental Group Health Plan For Plan Years Beginning On Or After September 23, 2010

Group health plans sponsored by State and local governmental employers must generally comply with Federal law requirements in title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act. However, these employers are permitted to elect to exempt a plan from the requirements listed below for any part of the plan that is "self-funded" by the employer, rather than provided through a health insurance policy. Milwaukee County has elected to exempt Milwaukee County Choice Plus Plan from the following requirements:

- 1. Protection against limiting hospital stays in connection with the birth of a child to less than 48 hours for a vaginal delivery, and 96 hours for a cesarean section.
- 2. Protections against having benefits for mental health and substance use disorders be subject to more restrictions than apply to medical and surgical benefits covered by the plan.
- 3. Certain requirements to provide benefits for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy.

The exemption from these Federal requirements will be in effect for the 2019 plan year beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019. The election may be renewed for subsequent plan years.

HIPAA also requires the Plan to provide covered employees and dependents with a "certificate of creditable coverage" when they cease to be covered under the Plan. There is no exemption from this requirement. The certificate provides evidence that you were covered under this Plan, because if you can establish your prior coverage, you may be entitled to certain rights to reduce or eliminate a preexisting condition exclusion if you join another employer's health plan, or if you wish to purchase an individual health insurance policy.

Inquiries regarding this notice can be directed to the Milwaukee County Division of Employee Benefits, Courthouse Rm. 210, 901 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.



Women's Health And Cancer Rights Act Notice

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.
- Prostheses.
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. Therefore, the deductibles and coinsurance apply.

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call the Employee Benefits Division at (414) 278-4198.

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Notice Of Coverage For Newborns And Mothers

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

Notice Regarding Wellness Program

Health Matters Milwaukee County is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you will be asked to complete a voluntary health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). You will also be asked to complete a biometric screening, which will include measuring your blood pressure, weight, height, waist circumference, and a finger stick blood test to measure cholesterol and glucose. You are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the biometric screening.

However, employees who choose to participate in the wellness program will receive an incentive of a 30% reduction to their monthly medical insurance premium contribution (up to a maximum reduction of \$50/month) for completing the health risk assessment questionnaire and biometric screening. Although you are not required to complete the HRA or participate in the biometric screening, only employees who do so will receive a 30% reduction to their monthly medical insurance premium contribution (up to a maximum reduction of \$50/month).

Employees who are identified as being high risk through the biometric screening will be asked to complete a telephonic health coaching session once a quarter during a calendar year in order to continue receiving the 30% reduction to their monthly medical insurance premium contribution (up to a maximum reduction of \$50/month). Additional incentives may be available for employees who voluntarily participate in certain health related challenges and events that are offered throughout the program year. If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities or achieve the health coaching requirement to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting the Benefits Division at (414) 278-4198.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks, and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program, such as health coaching. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.



Protections From Disclosure Of Medical Information

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although Froedtert Workforce Health and Milwaukee County may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, Froedtert Workforce Health will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to Milwaukee County, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information are health coaches from Froedtert Workforce Health in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact the Benefits Division at (414) 278-4198.



New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law took effect in 2014, there was a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Marketplace and employment--based health coverage offered by your employer.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in November each year for coverage starting as early as the immediately following January 1.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage- is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an aftertax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description on the Milwaukee County Benefits Website or contact Benefits at 414-278-4198.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

As that percentage is adjusted by inflation from time to time.

An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

Employer name Milwaukee County		4. Employer 39-6005	r Identification Number (EIN) 720	
5. Employer address 901 N. 9th Street		Allegration temperatures (Allegration	6. Employer phone number 414-278-4198	
7. City Milwaukee		8. State WI	9. ZIP code 53233	
10. Who can we contact about employee health cov Department of Human Resources, Employee Ber				
11. Phone number (if different from above)	12. Email address benefits@milwauk	eecountywi.gov		

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- ·As your employer, we offer a health plan to:
 - ☐ All employees. Eligible employees are:
 - Some employees. Eligible employees are:

Regular appointed employees with scheduled (budgeted) hours in excess of 20 hours per week (as defined in County Ordinance)

- •With respect to dependents:
 - We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

Your spouse, your domestic partner, your or your spouse's child who is under age 27, an unmarried child of any age who is or becomes disabled and dependent upon you, a child of a dependent (until the dependent who is the parent turns 18). See SPD for conditions, limitations and additional details.

- ☐ We do not offer coverage.
- ☑ If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.
 - ** Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, HealthCare.gov will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit HealthCare.gov to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2016. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA — Medicaid Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	FLORIDA — Medicaid Website: http://flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/ Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ALASKA — Medicaid The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	GEORGIA — Medicaid Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid - Click on Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Phone: 404-656-4507
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64
Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: http://www.hip.in.gov
	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
	All other Medicaid
	Website: http://www.indianamedicaid.com
	Website: <u>http://www.indianamedicaid.com</u> Phone 1-800-403-0864
COLORADO – Medicaid	Website: <u>http://www.indianamedicaid.com</u> Phone 1-800-403-0864 IOWA — Medicaid
COLORADO – Medicaid Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf	Website: http://www.indianamedicaid.com Phone 1-800-403-0864 IOWA — Medicaid Website: http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/
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NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website:
http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf Phone: 603-271-5218
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website:
http://www.state.ni.us/humanservices/
dmahs/clients/medicaid/
Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392
CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website:
http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-541-2831
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma Phone: 919-855-4100
Filonie: 919-055-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website:
http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid
Phone: 1-844-854-4825
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org
Phone: 1-888-365-3742
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OREGON – Medicaid
Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.asp http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-
es.html
Phone: 1-800-699-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/hipp
Phone: 1-800-692-7462
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/
Phone: 401-462-5300
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SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov

SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov	Website: http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-
Phone: 1-888-828-0059	health-care/program-administration/premium-
	payment-program
	Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
TEXAS – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/	Website:
Phone: 1-800-440-0493	http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Medicaid%20Expansion/
	Pages/default.aspx
	Phone: 1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website:	Website:
Medicaid: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.
CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip	<u>pdf</u>
Phone: 1-877-543-7669	Phone: 1-800-362-3002
VERMONT – Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/	Website: https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/
Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Phone: 307-777-7531
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website:	
http://www.coverva.org/programs premium assistance.	
<u>cfm</u>	
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924	
CHIP Website:	
http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.	
<u>cfm</u>	
CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2016, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services www.dol.gov/ebsa 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services www.cms.hhs.gov 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue,